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Dear Colonel Smart:

In response to your letter of February 12, 1988, we regret the misunderstanding regarding correspondence concerning the Alter Company sites at Davenport, Iowa. We have been working with your staff and with the State of Iowa through meetings and phone conversations in an attempt to determine the appropriate method for addressing these sites.


We have recently coordinated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on the Davenport sites. They have informed us that they have the authority under their new Solid Waste Law to regulate the Alter Company landfills. The State will write Alter Company a letter advising them of the need for a permit for their landfill operations. The letter will require the company to close the dump or, within 15 days, apply for a temporary permit, which is valid for a maximum of one year. A temporary permit will allow the company time to submit an operating plan so that the State may evaluate the need to close the landfill or issue an operating permit. The State advised us that they would not issue a permanent operating permit for a wetland site, and they can require the removal of existing fill material if there is a water pollution problem.

We intend to continue to work with the State on resolving the problems associated with the Alter Company, Davenport sites.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Iowa Department of Natural Resources (Hamlin)

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